

Should We Ratify?

Federalist No. 51—Key Points

ISSUE	QUOTATION
How to control the abuses of government	
Why is control necessary	
How to counter legislative authority	
How to guard against usurpations	

Key arguments in favor of ratification: _____

George Mason's Objections to the Constitution—Key Points

ISSUE	QUOTATION
No declaration of rights	
Which laws are paramount?	
Problem with the House of Representatives	
Problem with the Senate	
Problem with the judiciary	
What does the president lack?	

Key arguments in favor of ratification: _____

Hamilton's Plan of Government

ISSUE	QUOTATION
Length of term for the Assembly	
Length of term for the Senate	
Who elects Senators?	
Length of term for the Governor (Supreme Executive Authority or President)	
Who elects the Governor?	
Key powers of the Governor	
Key powers of the Senate	

What are the most compelling parts of Hamilton's plan?: _____
